President : The question before the House is whether the Government will be pleased to allow the supplementary grant of Rs. 10,600 under demand No. 15 Jails.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL—Rs. 55,200.

Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*) : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 55,200 for the Medical Department for the purchase of medicines and instruments. Bedding and clothing and for travelling allowances. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 32,000 is required for the purchase of surgical equipments, and for the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Trivandrum, there is a bill pending payment for Rs. 18,000. Because of the abnormal rise in the price of clothing there is a bill for Rs. 5,000 pending to be paid especially for the months of Kanni and Thulam this year, in respect of the supply of medical clothing. And also as regards the Travelling Allowance for the Surgeon-General, the whole money was spent mostly on account of the constant touring which had to be made in connection with A. R. P. arrangements.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVIII—CURRENCY AND MINT—Rs. 1,400.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar : Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant for Rs. 1,400 under Demand No. XXVIII-Currency and Mint for additional expenditure in connection with the minting of coins. This sum is intended for meeting the charges for the installation of Power Presses in the local mint, for the supply of electrical energy and for transport of minted coins from the Mint to the Treasury.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD—Rs. 1,500.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*President Economic Development Board*) : I beg leave to move for the supplementary grant of Rs. 1,500—under Demand No. 30 Miscellaneous Departments. This amount is required to meet the Travelling expenses of the Members of the Economic Development Board for this year. Out of the total amount of Rs. 2,250 sanctioned in the budget for the year there is only Rs. 11 left and there are 8 bills amounting Rs. 557 pending payment. Another meeting of the Board will cost another Rs. 1,000 and more. Therefore a sum of Rs. 1,500 as now requested as supplementary grant for the purpose may be allowed.

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